STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

WHEREAS; September 17, 2022, marks the 235th anniversary of the day delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, signed the United States Constitution; and

*WHEREAS; the Constitution organizes the guidelines and limitations for governance in the United States, establishing our country's three independent branches of government, emphasizing the importance of checks and balances, and outlining a process by which the document can be amended; and

WHEREAS; as its preamble states, the Constitution is guided by the resolve of "We the People," establishing that the will of the people is the law of the land; and

WHEREAS; the Constitution and its 27 amendments codify an essential foundation of liberty and justice in the United States, outlining the freedoms and inalienable rights of all Americans, regardless of race, gender, religion, age, ability status, income level, or identity; and

WHEREAS; unfortunately, over the course of our collective history, our nation has often failed to uphold these freedoms and inalienable rights, and much work still remains to be done to fulfill the Constitution's promises for all people; and

WHEREAS; this occasion serves as a reminder that what unites us is far greater than what divides us, and provides an opportunity for all Wisconsinites and all Americans to reflect on our shared values of freedom, equity, and justice; and

WHEREAS; today and throughout this week, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to taking action to create a more just and equitable union that works for everyone;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 17, 2022, as

CONSTITUTION DAY

and September 17 - 23, 2022, as

CONSTITUTION WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 19th day of August 2022.

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DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State